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Academic Vice President having the same responsibility, they both have assistants to help them carry out that duplicitous responsibility and on and on it goes and it will go until we, in the Legislature, since the Board of Regents has demonstrated time and time again that they are incompetent to adjust and assess these responsibilities properly till we, in the Legislature, take it upon ourselves to maintain the responsibility of the campus and to properly define the role of the Systems Office which is to coordinate and avoid duplication and not create and promote duplication. For all of those reasons, I would urge the adoption of this amendment. I would hope there would be some discussion on it. As you recall, a year ago I told you it was probably the most important amendment in LB 610 and it was a similar morning to this morning when there was chaos and inattention and we may go through the same thing again but it is eventually going to result in a very dangerous and ultimately, I think, disastrous situation for the University of Nebraska unless we get these responsibilities sorted out.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have some of the same concerns as Senator Cavanaugh does but don't necessarily reach the same conclusions. One of the concerns that I do have relates to the responsibilities of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The University in its budget presentations has come before us last year and this year asking for lump sum appropriations, in effect, for putting all of the responsibilities under the Board of Regents and for no clear indication as to exactly what the Chancellors are supposed to do. Now, in my opinion, and apparently in the opinion of the majority of the members of the Appropriations Committee, we believe that the Chancellor on each of the three campuses should have the ultimate responsibility for running the academic program, academic research, and probably extension on those individual campuses rather than what we understood was being requested of us. One of the arguments that was presented to me, not directly and officially by the University, was the following, we have a Vice President for Academic Affairs, and if you don't give us all of the money in a lump sum, what is this man going to do. I thought that was a very strange argument, indeed. Why do we have the Vice President for Academic Affairs in the first place. Certainly we don't change the way we appropriate money to the University simply to give a man something to do in the Systems Administration. This man happens to be, in my opinion, based on limited contact with him, extremely competent, but the fact of the matter remains, we do have a Chancellor and a Chancellor is supposed to have some responsibility for the academic programs on those individual campuses. I believe that there was very little coordination that took place as the result of the decisions that were reached in the Appropriations Committee last year and